

Two Meade Co. ATC HVAC Seniors Earn Scholarships



Photo: (left to right), HVAC students under the direction of Instructor Darren Jones - Anthony Blanford (senior) and Jacob Wathen (senior).

For the past several years, Meade Co. ATC HVAC Instructor Darren M. Jones has worked hard to help his students prepare for

the University of Northwestern Ohio's (UNOH) annual scholarship examination.

This year, thirteen seniors from the Meade Co. ATC's air conditioning and refrigeration program traveled to Lima, Ohio to compete against other students from Kentucky and ten surrounding states for a chance at winning a scholarship to the UNOH.

The UNOH awards only three scholarships a year determined by the results of a 50 question written test. This year, Meade County ATC students took first and third place at the annual event.

Anthony Blanford placed first and received a full paid tuition scholarship. Jacob Wathen placed third and received a \$3,000 scholarship.

Both Blanford and Wathen plan to pursue their postsecondary education in the HVAC field at UNOH.

“This makes me proud,” says Jones. “We are a small school and our students compete against students from ten other states. We make a pretty good showing each year and I’m proud of my students and their accomplishments. They are dedicated and it shows.”

“This is the fifth year that Darren Jones has arranged for his HVAC seniors to go to the university to take the scholarship exam,” says Meade Co. ATC Principal Faye Campbell. “During 2002-03, a Meade Co. ATC student placed first; 2003-04, first and third; 2004-05, second; 2005-06, first and third; and 2006-07, first and third. I think this is an outstanding example of what Mr. Jones’ students are learning in his classroom. We are all proud of this track record.”

